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B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know with reference to the answer given in clause (b) that six teachers cannot do so in Urdu, whether Government could not find six teachers who are able to teach in Urdu?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I suppose so."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask whether it is not a fact that the six teachers who cannot teach in Urdu are in charge of the higher classes in the High School?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I cannot say off hand."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"With reference to the answer given in clause (c) may I know what the qualifications of those teachers are to teach Urdu?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Notice."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that in the higher classes the medium of instruction is English and therefore a knowledge of Urdu is not necessary?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Yes. So it necessarily follows that these teachers need not know Urdu."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the University allows candidates appearing for the S.S.L.C. Examination to answer their questions in vernacular and that the University and the Government encourage vernacular?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The University allows the students to answer in their own vernacular and Government are encouraging them."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that the Education Department has accepted the policy of vernacularization of high school courses and, if so, whether the hon. Minister does not think it necessary that in the Hobart Training and Secondary school there should be also vernacularization of studies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I shall examine that question."

Alleged complaints against the text-books prescribed in the Government Hobart Secondary and Training School.

* 153 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) who the authority is that prescribes text-books for the various forms in the Government Hobart Secondary and Training School, Madras;

(b) whether there is any special committee constituted for prescribing text-books for the above school and for the other Government Muslim Girls' Schools in the Presidency;

(c) whether the Government or the Director of Public Instruction received any complaint against the difficult nature of the text-books in Urdu prescribed for the first three forms in the said school for 1932–33 and 1933–34 and, if so, what was the action taken on it; and

(d) what the Government propose to do to redress the grievance?

A.—(a) The Superintendent in consultation with the staff.

(b) No.

(c) No such complaint was received either by Government or by the Director of Public Instruction. A complaint regarding the Urdu text-books for forms I and II was brought to the notice of the Superintendent in March 1933 with the result that for the annual examination difficult questions bearing on the texts were replaced by questions on general composition.

(d) The books used in the Madrasa-i-Azam have now been introduced and are in use since July last.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister will consider the advisability of appointing a Committee for prescribing the text-books in these schools?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I do not think it is desirable to interfere with the discretion of heads of institutions."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that at the time when these text-books were prescribed in previous years, there were Superintendents who had no knowledge of Urdu?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I do not know."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that the Superintendents of these schools have invariably been ladies who had no knowledge of Urdu and in view of that fact may I ask whether they were competent to give advice with regard to the selection of Urdu Books?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I am not prepared to admit the first statement that all these Superintendents were ignorant of Urdu."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to appoint a Committee of some of the Muslim Members of this House to select text-books for being studied in these schools?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I do not think that it is the intention of Muslim Members here that there should be any such Committee."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"When any such Committee is appointed will the hon. Minister consider the advisability of including Mr. Arasu also in that Committee?" (Laughter).

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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I ask the hon. Minister whether he will be pleased to enquire whether the text-books, not merely Urdu but also English, prescribed in this school, are far higher in their standard than the pupils are able to understand and follow?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I shall enquire."

Selection of Urdu text-books in the Government Hobart Training and Secondary School.

* 154 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) with whose advice and consultation the Urdu text-books prescribed for the various forms in the Government Hobart Training and Secondary School were selected ; and

(b) whether it is true that the Urdu teacher is not qualified to teach and is in fact incompetent to teach the Urdu text-books prescribed in the school for the various forms?

A.—(a) In July 1932 the books were selected by the Superintendent in consultation with the staff.

(b) No.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Control of Vehicles

Qualifications, pay and appointment of bus inspectors.

155 Q.—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a bus inspector is appointed for each district ;

(b) what the qualifications prescribed are ;

(c) what the scale of pay is ;

(d) who it is that is supervising their work ; and

(e) who appoints them?

A.—(a) Yes. Bus Inspectors are at present working in all districts except in Anantapur, Kurnool, Cuddapah and Guntur districts and in Madras City.

(b) No specific qualifications have been prescribed but men with a sound knowledge of motor engineering with practical experience in a motor workshop are preferred.

(c) The existing rates of pay vary from Rs. 200 to Rs. 350 a month in different districts according to the amount of work.

(d) & (e) At the moment the District Magistrate is both the appointing and supervising authority.